

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 277

By Overbey

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the Maryville High School football team upon capturing the TSSAA 4A Football Title.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this great State; and

WHEREAS, led by head coach George Quarles, the Maryville High School football team achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2004 season, establishing a perfect record of fifteen wins and no losses and winning the TSSAA Class 4A Football Championship; and

WHEREAS, Maryville's explosive offense amassed an incredible 592 points during its 15-game season, an average of more than 39 points per game; and

WHEREAS, the Red Rebels' stingy defense allowed only 135 points to be scored by their opponents, an average of only 9 points per game; and

WHEREAS, the Red Rebels rolled through the playoffs by prevailing over the powerhouse teams of Rhea County (by the score of 34-0), Powell (21-16), Knoxville Central (35-24), and Tennessee High (49-0) on their way to the state championship game in Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, the Red Rebels completed their magnificent championship season by beating the Melrose High School Golden Wildcats 7-6 in the Class 4A Blue Cross Blue Shield Bowl on December 4, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Maryville's quarterback Cade Thompson threw for 94 yards, and the trio of Antonio Byner, Ryan Tallent, and Cade Thompson trampled the Melrose Wildcats for a total of 199 rushing yards; and

WHEREAS, late in the first quarter, Cade Thompson completed a sizzling, nine-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver Stephen Childs to take the lead 7-0; and

WHEREAS, the Red Rebels' Gary Tucker, the Blue Cross Bowl Class 4A Defensive Most Valuable Player, blocked the extra point attempt after a Melrose touchdown to preserve a one-point lead and eventual victory for Maryville; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a successful and memorable football season, but also surely point toward their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the Maryville Rebels conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the phenomenal players of the Red Rebels were Taylor Akins, Marvin Arrington, Adrian Baker, Paul Bowman, Reece Brassler, Rhett Brooks, Drew Brown, Bobby Browning, Josh Burchett, Brent Burnette, Andrew Burns, Alex Bush, Antonio Byner, Adam Cable, Lendl Caldwell, Joshua Cantwell, Josh Caraway, Travis Carpenter, Tanner Caylor, Steven Childs, Andrew Clement, Caleb Clement, Phillip Cooper, Matt Cox, Louis Darras, Aaron Douglas, Caleb Edmiston, Brock Evans, Cory Everett, Sean Francis, Brad Fulton, Matt Gardner, Dave Garner, Eric Goble, Broughton Greene, Landon Hall, Jordan Halsne, Kirk Harris, Tyler Henry, John Hughes, Derek Hunt, Justin Huskey, Anthony Jackson, Brett Jackson, Ryan Jenkins, Chris Kidd, John Killebrew, Katlin Kimsey, Takayuki Koyano, Adam Larrimore, John Lawhon, Tyler Maples, Aaron May, Jesse Miles, Joseph Miranda, Jon Michael Mollish, Robby Moore, Ben Morton, Matt Niethammer, Adam Parnell, Chris Pierce, Will Pope, Ryan Reisser, Aaron Robinette, Albert Sacchet, Jeremy Sands, Nic Shields, Stephen Shiver, Ryan Singleton, Jeffrey Smith, Josh Smith, Taylor Steele, Cody Sunderland, Ryan Tallent, Cade Thompson, Gary Tucker, Matt Valentine, Justin Voto, Michael Wade, Jimmy Wallace, Jonny Weigand, Caleb West, Doug Wolfenbarger, and Dwight Wood; and

WHEREAS, Cade Thompson, Maryville's quarterback, finished the season 162 for 270 passing (60%), threw for 33 touchdowns with only 4 interceptions, and amassed 2,475 passing yards; and

WHEREAS, leading the Rebels to the TSSAA 4A State Title, Cade Thompson was Tennessee's 2004 4A Mr. Football Award Winner and the Lawrenceburg Quarterback Club Player of the Year; and

WHEREAS, the coaches of the Red Rebels were head coach George Quarles, Todd Collins, David Ellis, Jimmy Gaylor, Mark Humphrey, Joe Pinkerton, Joe Robinette, Wayne Thompson, Larry Walker, and Mike White; others contributing to this memorable season were athletic director Jerry Thompson, manager Eli Brooks, trainer Joe Black, student trainers Melissa Alred, Sabrina Hudson, Erica Linginfelter, Paige Miller, Alayna Pinion, Mollianne Reese, Katie Talley, and Amanda Whaley, team physician Dr. Todd Collins, and principal Dr. Ken Jarnagin; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee takes great pride in the tremendous accomplishments of those student athletes who have excelled both on the field and in the classroom; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we applaud and congratulate the players and coaches of the Maryville High School football team upon capturing the 2004 TSSAA 4A Football State Title and wish them great success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.